

transmitting the identifier together with a call transfer request to a given network device to request re-routing of the in-progress telephone call.

19. (Unchanged) A wireline device, comprising:

a processor;

a short-range wireless transceiver;

memory coupled to the processor, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the processor for receiving a transfer of an in-progress telephone call from the wireless device by the following method steps:

controlling the short-range wireless transceiver to receive a request message transmitted directly from the wireless device over a short-range wireless communications link requesting transmission of an identifier; and

controlling the short-range wireless transceiver to transmit the identifier directly to the wireless device over the short-range wireless communications link.

REMARKS

The Office Action of 10/20/2003 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to the transfer of an in-progress telephone call from a wireless device, or terminal, to a wired device or terminal. In accordance with one embodiment of the invention, the wireless device receives an identifier from the wired device over a direct wireless communications link. In an exemplary embodiment, the wireless device is a cellphone, the wired device is a telephone deskset, and the direct wireless communications link is a Bluetooth™ link. Once the wireless device has received the identifier, it transmits the identifier along with a call transfer request to enable the telephone call to be transferred to the wired device.

Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 18 and 19 were rejected as being anticipated by Uranaka, newly cited. Claims 3 and 17 were rejected as being unpatentable over the same reference in view of Raith. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Uranaka, while it does pertain to call transfer between a cellular telephone and a fixed, or deskset, telephone, differs in important respects from the present invention.

Most importantly, the present invention relates to the transfer of an in-progress telephone call from a wireless device, such as a cellular telephone, to a wired device, such as a deskset telephone.

Uranaka, on the other hand, relates to answering an incoming call directed to a cellular telephone using instead a computer or a deskset telephone. This distinction may be clearly seen in Figure 28 of Uranaka, wherein the first event is a call reception notice from the telephone exchange to the cellular telephone. Subsequent events illustrate how this call reception notice is responded to using a fixed telephone rather than the cellular telephone. Uranaka does not teach or suggest transfer of an in-progress call from a wireless device to a wired device as in the present invention.

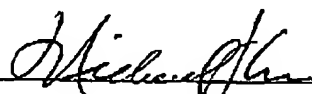
Furthermore, in the case of the present invention, since a call to the wireless device is already established, this call is used to re-route the call to the wired device.

In Uranaka, on the other hand, since no call has yet been established, the fixed telephone first sends a reception call conversion request (Figure 6B) to the exchange, including the number of the cellular telephone and the number of the fixed telephone. This reception call conversion request is used by the exchange to establish the call in the first instance directly with the cellular telephone.

These important differences are believed to be reflected in all the independent claims.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 1-19 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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